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1. [redacted] the Russians will
not yield from their point of view that the German peace treaty must
be signed by a German government. The minimum number of ministries
planned by the Russians is three: Economic, Transportation (including
Communications), and Trade and Civilian Supplies (including Food
and Foreign Trade).

2. [redacted] the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the
Central Administrations are preparing plans for the evolution of
the Central Administrations into an administration for all of
Germany.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: [redacted]
[redacted] SMA Industry Division Chief, Koval, stated to the Presi-
dents and Vice-Presidents that their Central Administrations would
be considered in the future government of Germany.

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intensively on this question. The SED Central Secretariat expects
that the Russian Zone will be allowed to name one third of the
members of each ministry of the new German administration. The
SED intends to allow no CDU or LDP members to be nominated by the
Russian Zone, but only reliable SED men.

3. [redacted] in connection with a preliminary roster
of Germans favored for positions in a German government, SMA
political officers in the first week of February showed increasing
interest in the following persons:

Karl J. Germer:

Berlin; SPD opposition group.

Kossmann:

Leading figure in the Christliche Volkspartei in the Saar;
one time member of the Saar Government Commission of the
League of Nations.

Prof. Kastner:

Minister of Justice, Saxony, LDP.

Johannes Schroeder:

Konsistorialrat; Russian PW, released December
1945; member of Freies Deutschland [redacted]

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In addition to these, the Russians definitely wish to have Otto Grotewohl and former Ambassador Nadolny in a future German central government.

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[redacted] General Georgiev is of the opinion that the French will relax their opposition to a German central government. [redacted]

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[redacted] Dr. Josef Schoelmerich has given up his job as head of the Personnel Section of the Central Administration of Health to take over a special department which is to draw up plans for a Ministry of Health. [redacted] Dr. Konitzer, President of the Central Administration of Health, expects to be appointed Minister of Health. Konitzer would take three SED colleagues along, Dr. Schoelmerich, Dr. Coutelle, and Frau Dr. Kolmar.

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